sale price of petrol and diesel in the country in the mid of June, 2005;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the price rise was the result of taxation imposed on petroleum products in the Annual Budget for the year 2005-06 alongwith the increase in the price of crudes in international market; and

(c) if so, the extent of increase effected in the price of petrol and diesel as a result of above reasons?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Considering the impact of spiraling international oil prices, changes in the duty structure and quality upgradation of fuels, the Government, keeping in view the interest of the consumers, have limited the increase in petrol and diesel to Rs. 2.50/litre and Rs. 2.00/litre respectively at Delhi with effect from the midnight of 20th/ 21st June 2005 with corresponding increase in other States/UTs, although, in terms of the international prices of these products, the required increase was Rs. 4.68/litre in petrol and Rs. 5.13/litre in diesel.

Fixation of Oil Prices

t181**.** SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been estimated that the basic price (production price) of petrol and diesel is Rs. 17.51 per litre and Rs. 18.53 per litre respectively;

(b) if not, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that petrol and diesel are sold at much higher price than the above mentioned price to general consumer of the country;

(d) if so, the details regarding maximum and minimum prices for the same; and

(e) the reasons for so much difference in production cost and selling price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR): (a) to (c) The basic price of petrol and diesel in Delhi exclusive of duties and taxes is Rs. 17.40 and Rs. 18.42 respectively. The

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retail selling price of these products is Rs. 40.49 and Rs. 28.45 respectively. The price buildup for petrol and diesel in Delhi is given in the statement. (See below)

(d) The retail selling prices of petrol and diesel in the four metro Cities effective 21st June 2005 are as under:

(Rs./litre)

	Petrol	Diesel
Delhi	40.49	28.45
Mumbai	45.93	35.20
Kolkata	43.79	30.80
Chennai	44.26	31.51

(e) The retail selling price of petrol and diesel include, in addition to the basic price, applicable excise duty, state taxes, VAT, dealers' commission, etc. besides notional freight from the nearest refinery.

Statement

Price buildup of petrol and diesel at Delhi

Rs./litre

S. No.	Particulars	Delhi
1	Price without Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales tax components	17.40
2.1	Custom Duty (@10% included in RTP) based on RTPs applicable for 1st fortnight of July '05	1.60 (4%)
2.2	Excise Duty (levied @8% + Rs. 13.00/litre and education cess thereon)	14.74 (36%)
2.3	Sales Tax (incl. Irrecoverable taxes)	6.75 (17%)
2.4	Total of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales tax components	23.09 (57%)
3	Retail Selling Price at Delhi (1+2.4)	40.49

*Figures in brackets give the components of customs duty, excise duty and sales tax as a% of S. No. 3.

Share of duties and taxes in retail selling price of Diesel

Rs./litre

s. No.	Particulars	Delhi
1	Price without Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales tax components	18.42
2.1	Custom Duty @10% included in RTP) based on RTPs applicable for 1st fortnight of July '05	1.94 (7%)
2.2	Excise Duty (levied @8% + Rs. 3.25/litre plus 2% education cess thereon)	4.93 (17%)
2.3	Sales Tax (incl. Irrecoverable taxes)	3.16 (11%)
2.4	Total of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales tax components	10.03 (35%)
3	Retail Selling Price at Delhi (1+2.4)	28.45

*Figures in brackets give the components of customs duty, excise duty and sales tax as a% of S. No. 3.

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t182. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation is formulating a plan to boost its business;'

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of the business of Indian Oil corporation at present;

(d) whether any target has been fixed to boost the business by the company; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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